Government of Uttar Pradesh, namely, Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC) was set up in July, 1988. The Tehri project was taken over by THDC in 1989. Since then, the audit of the Tehri Hydroelectric Project is being carried out by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) and the Annual Reports of THDC alongwith audited accounts are being laid before the Parliament.

(c) The CAG's report of 1988 relates to the period when the project was being executed by Government of Uttar Pradesh as a State sector scheme. The information is, therefore, being collected and will be placed before the Table of Lok Sabha.

Irregularities in World Bank's Projects

5260. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the fact that lots of irregularities are going on in the Development works carried out under World Bank's projects in Kanpur, (UP);

(b) if so, whether any enquiry was carried out in this regard;

(c) if so, the results thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (d) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported that Lok Ayukta, C.I.D. and Kanpur Development Authority are conducting enquiries in respect of certain World Bank project works in Kanpur. Whether or not there were irregularities in these development works will be known after completion of the enquiry proceedings.

New Integrated Employment Policy

5261. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any new integrated employment policy to meet the scientific and technical manpower in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have in this context assessed the potential of in take of labour in Government and public sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY(SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d) Government have not formulated any new Integrated Employment Policy to meet the scientific and technical manpower in the country. However, the Department of Science & Technology has established in 1982 a National Science & Technology Enterpreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) to evolve various mechanisms and schemes for generating gainful self-employment avenue for the unemployed Science & Technology persons. The various schemes/ programmes initiated by this Board are Organisation of Enterpreneurship Development Programme; Enterpreneurship Awareness Camps; establishment of Enterpreneurship Development Cells and Science & Technology Enterpreneur's Parks in and around academic institutions. The Board has also selected 13 backward districts of the country for generating avenues of wage/self-employment based on unutilised resources, demand, need and skills of the local people.

In the Planning Commission, the potential of intake of labour in Government and Public Sectors has not been assessed. However, the important strategies of the Eighth Plan to tackle mismatch between the demand and supply of labour including scientific and technical manpower *inter-alia* include skill development, creating entrepreneurship, revamping of training and educational system.

Wazir Commission

5262. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Wazir Commission has given its report on rationalisation of new administrative units including the new districts of Kishtwar Reasi, Samaba and Shopian;

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing the recommendations of the said Commission especially when the Government had accepted the report in principle; and

(c) whether there is any move to implement the recommendations of the said Commission in the near future, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) According to the information made available by the State Government the Commission for Rationalisation of Administrative Units (Wazir Commission) submitted its report to the State Government on the 3rd January, 1984. The report had

been referred to various Committees and had remained under consideration of the State Government but no final decision was taken.

2. Keeping in view the nature of the issues involved, it is considered appropriate that a decision and action on the report is taken by an elected Government in the State.

[Translation]

Migration

5263. SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news item published in daily 'Jansatta' dated 26 July, 1996 under caption "Gaon Mein Nehi Aub Saharoon Mein Hoga Gariboon Ka Jamawada";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the village youths in large number are migrating towards cities in search of employment;

(c) if so, the assessment of the Government in this regard;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is shortage of basic facilities of life in cities today besides the heavy shortage of houses;

(e) if so, the estimate of Government regarding the shortage of houses in the urban areas of the country; and

(f) the prospective plan of the Government to overcome this shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Volume of net rural-urban Migration for 1981-1991 is 23.70 per cent, of the growth of the population which has decreased from 36.06 per cent during the same period for 1971-81 (Table enclosed as Statement–I).

(c) 1981 Census Data indicates that youth, predominantly in the age group 15-40 years are migrating towards cities for purpose of employment. A sub set of Census data (1981) has indicated that amongst those who migrated from rural to urban areas and who gave employment as a reason for migration, 75% belonged to the age group of 15-46 years. (Table enclosed statement–II).

(d) & (e) : The rapid growth of urban population has led to increasing congestion and overcrowding, steady growth of slums and informal settlements and severe pressure on civic services. The estimated housing shortage in urban areas, at the beginning of the Ninth Plan period, is 7.57 million dwelling units.

(f) It is proposed to take following steps to overcome housing shortage :—

(i) Step up in the institutional finance for housing both in formal and informal sectors.

(ii) Urban housing schemes for EWS through concessional credit from HUDCO.

(iii) To reduce the cost of construction, cost effective building materials and technology will be promoted by giving fiscal concessions.

(iv) Supply of serviced land will be augmented.

(v) Steps to remove various legal constraints in housing sector will be taken.

STATEMENT–I

All India Components of Urban Growth, 1971-1981 and 1981-1991.

Components	*Population (millions)*		*Percentage share*	
	1971-81	*1981-91*	*1971-81*	*1981-91*
Absolute increase	49.86	56.45	100.00	100.00
Natural increase	22.52	33.17	45.17	5876
Net reclassification of new towns	9.36	9.90	18.77	17.54
Net rural urban migration, natural increase of inter-censal migrants and changes in municipal boundaries (residual)	17.98	13.38	36.06	23.70

Notes : 1. 1971-1981 estimates are made excluding Assam, and 1981-1991 estimates are made excluding Assam and Jammu & Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir is a disputed territory, the final status of which was not yet been determined.

2. Based on final population results of 1971 and 1981 Censuses and provisional results of 1991 Census.

STATEMENT–II

Age group	*Rural-Urban*		*Urban-Urban*	
year	*Male*	*Female*	*Male*	*Female*
0—14	105045	59836	60364	45300
	(4.69)	(20.47)	(3.88)	(18.83)
15—19	253913	44001	89405	22621
	(11.32)	(15.05)	(5.75)	9.40)